

April 26, 2013

The Honorable Pam Jochum
President of the Senate
State Capitol
Des Moines, Iowa 50319

Dear President Jochum:

Senate File 204, an Act concerning persons voluntarily excluded from gambling facilities is hereby disapproved and transmitted to you in accordance with Amendment IV of the Amendments of 1968 to the Constitution of the State of Iowa.

Senate File 204 is hereby disapproved on this date.

I am unable to approve Senate File 204 for the following reasons:

Senate File 204 makes it possible for people with gambling addictions who voluntarily banned themselves from gambling to engage in gambling again after five years. The voluntary lifetime ban was instituted in 2004 so that an individual can choose to be banned from all casinos in Iowa for life. In addition, if someone who has voluntarily banned themselves from gaming has gaming winnings, these monies are forfeited to the Iowa Gambling Treatment Program. Treatment experts have found that addictions tend to be life-long, which is why the voluntary lifetime ban serves a valuable public purpose. This voluntary ban option is an important part of Iowa's laws relating to responsible gaming.

For the above reasons, I respectfully disapprove of Senate File 204, in its entirety, in accordance with Amendment IV of the Amendments of 1968 to the Constitution of the State of Iowa.

Sincerely,

TERRY E. BRANSTAD
Governor

